

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14 and 16-18 are rejected; and claims 3, 7-11, 15, 19 and 20 are objected to in this application. Claims 3, 7, 9, 15 and 19 are amended hereby; and claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14 and 16-18 are cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,165,577 (Berger), Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14 and 16-18, without prejudice to the cancelled claims in order to advance prosecution and to obtain expeditious issue of the subject application as a patent.

Responsive to the objection to claims 3, 7-11, 15, 19 and 20, Applicants have amended claims 3, 7, 9, 15 and 19 placing them in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 3, 7-11, 15, 19 and 20 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

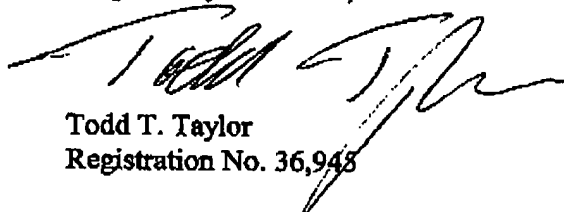
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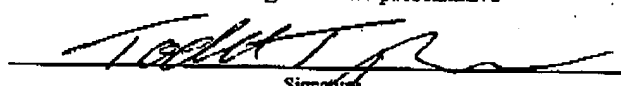
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